(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi has critically analysed the status of implementation of the project by Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), technically evaluated the outputs on offer as also the software development process, identified the causes of the problems and deficiencies in the software which is under trial at present, commented upon various technical and managerial aspects of the software and its development process, and made certain short-term and long-term recommendations so that a workable and useful system becomes available. The report is under consideration and necessary decisions would be taken shortly.

Change in Crop Pattern

*151. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crop pattern in 54 lakh hectares of cultivable land producing food grains have been changed into pisciculture, horticulture and floriculture during the last five years in the country; and

(b) if so, whether there is any apprehension of shortage of foodgrains in the internal market of the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. Only about 16 lakh hectares of additional area has been brought under pisciculture, horticulture and floriculture during the last five years.

(b) There is no apprehension of shortage of foodgrains in the country as rate of growth of production of foodgrains has been rising on account of increase in productivity levels, which has more than offset the adverse impact of reduction in area.

Incentives to Farmers

*152. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are introducing a new agriculture policy for providing more incentives to farmers to increase production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The draft Agriculture Policy Resolution which was discussed in Rajya Sabha on August 1-3, 1995 and in Lok Sabha on August 7-9-1995 aims at accelerating allround development and economic viability of agriculture with a view to increasing agricultural production by ensuring a favourable economic environment for farmers through a favourable investment, price and trade regime. The Agriculture Policy is under finalization keeping in view the suggestions made by the Members of Parliament and the concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India.

Widening of Ahmedabad-Delhi Railway Line

*153. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the work of conversion of Ahmedabad-Delhi via Jaipur meter gauge Railway line into broad gauge is going on;

(b) what was the schedule of completion of the work fixed up originally and what are the reasons for delay in the execution of the work; and

(c) by when Government propose to complete the work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Since 1.4.92.

(b) The target date of completion was December '95. The work had to be delayed at the request of the Petroleum Ministry, due to delay in completion of the oil pipe line, since blockage of the line for conversion would have affected the supply of diesel and petrol to Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

(c) Within the current Financial year i.e., by March '97.

Ad-hoc recognition to KVS Employees Associations

*154. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: